

HOUSE JOURNAL

SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE, REGULAR SESSION

PROCEEDINGS

TWENTY-SEVENTH DAY — MONDAY, MARCH 3, 1997

The house met at 10 a.m. and was called to order by the speaker.

The roll of the house was called and a quorum was announced present (Record 29).

Present — Mr. Speaker; Alexander; Allen; Alvarado; Averitt; Bailey; Berlanga; Bonnen; Bosse; Brimer; Burnam; Carter; Chavez; Christian; Clark; Coleman; Cook; Corte; Counts; Crabb; Craddick; Cuellar; Culberson; Danburg; Davila; Davis; Delisi; Denny; Driver; Dukes; Dunnam; Dutton; Edwards; Ehrhardt; Eiland; Elkins; Farrar; Finnell; Flores; Gallego; Galloway; Garcia; Giddings; Glaze; Goodman; Goolsby; Gray; Greenberg; Grusendorf; Haggerty; Hamric; Hartnett; Hawley; Heflin; Hernandez; Hightower; Hilbert; Hilderbran; Hill; Hinojosa; Hirschi; Hochberg; Hodge; Holzheuser; Horn; Howard; Hunter; Hupp; Isett; Jackson; Janek; Jones, D.; Jones, J.; Junell; Kamel; Keel; Keffer; King; Krusee; Kubiak; Kuempel; Lewis, G.; Lewis, R.; Longoria; Luna; Madden; Marchant; Maxey; McCall; McClendon; McReynolds; Merritt; Moreno; Mowery; Naishtat; Nixon; Oakley; Oliveira; Olivo; Palmer; Patterson; Pickett; Pitts; Place; Price; Puente; Rabuck; Ramsay; Rangel; Raymond; Reyna, A.; Reyna, E.; Rhodes; Rodriguez; Roman; Sadler; Seaman; Serna; Shields; Siebert; Smith; Smithee; Solomons; Staples; Stiles; Swinford; Talton; Telford; Thompson; Tillery; Torres; Turner, B.; Uher; Van de Putte; Walker; West; Williams; Williamson; Wilson; Wise; Wohlgemuth; Wolens; Woolley; Yarbrough; Zbranek.

Absent, Excused — Chisum; Gutierrez; Moffat; Solis; Turner, S.

The invocation was offered by Mark Newton, pastor, Baptist Temple Church, San Antonio, as follows:

Almighty God, creator, provider, sustainer, and redeemer; we glorify thy name in all the Earth. We pause this day to acknowledge your sovereignty and lordship. We thank you for the privilege of another day in which to enjoy life, as well as serve you and others. We know we are sinful and fall short of your expectations, but find solace in your blessed forgiveness.

Our Heavenly Father, we ask your hand of guidance and leadership upon this 75th legislative body. Grant each legislator courage, wisdom, and knowledge from above. We thank you for the talents and abilities represented in this room. On this day, we pray your blessings upon each legislator and God bless Texas!

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

LEAVES OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following members were granted leaves of absence for today because of important business in the district:

S. Turner on motion of Puente.

Gutierrez on motion of Flores.

Solis on motion of Farrar.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important business.

Moffat on motion of Swinford.

The following member was granted leave of absence for today because of important state business:

Chisum on motion of Swinford.

CAPITOL PHYSICIAN

The speaker recognized Representative Kubiak who presented Dr. Robert Stark of Brenham as the "Doctor for the Day."

The house welcomed Dr. Stark and thanked him for his participation in the Physician of the Day Program sponsored by the Texas Academy of Family Physicians.

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE

A message from the senate was received at this time (see the addendum to the daily journal, Messages from the Senate, Message No. 1).

BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

Notice was given at this time that the speaker had signed bills and resolutions in the presence of the house (see the addendum to the daily journal, Signed by the Speaker, House List No. 13).

HR 265 - ADOPTED (by Place)

Representative Place moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 265**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The speaker laid before the house the following resolution:

HR 265, Recognizing March 3, 1997, as Erath County Day at the State Capitol.

HR 265 was read and was adopted without objection.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE GRANTED

The following member was granted leave of absence for the remainder of today because of important business:

Hinojosa on motion of Hawley.

HR 222 - ADOPTED (by Hunter, Patterson, and Roman)

Representative Hunter moved to suspend all necessary rules to take up and consider at this time **HR 222**.

The motion prevailed without objection.

The speaker laid before the house the following resolution:

HR 222, Honoring Coach Gene Stallings on the occasion of his retirement.

HR 222 was read and was adopted without objection.

On motion of Representative Goolsby, the names of all the members of the house were added to **HR 222** as signers thereof.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

The speaker recognized Representative Hunter, who introduced Coach Gene Stallings and his family. The house honored Coach Stallings for his work with the mentally disabled and welcomed him back to Texas on his retirement from his legendary football career.

Coach Stallings addressed the house, speaking as follows:

Mr. Speaker, Representative Hunter, distinguished guests, members of the house: Let me tell you what a pleasure and a privilege it is for Ruth Ann and Johnny and my daughters and me to be able to be here and be recognized by this distinguished group. I've had the privilege of addressing the joint legislature in Alabama. I've had the privilege of visiting the White House. But this is a special, special treasure and a memory. I appreciate the pressure that you people are under: the hours that you've got to agonize in trying to make the right decision, trying to decide whether or not you're going to vote your conscience or you're going to vote the way your constituents perhaps want you to vote, and knowing that maybe that particular vote that's cast is going to affect the lives of hundreds and thousands of people. You live under a microscope, and what you do and where you go and what you say is constantly being recorded. And yet, at the same time, trying to make the rules that are going to govern our state, and make it a great state, and I appreciate what you do.

I appreciate being a part of this great heritage. I have tried to be a good ambassador for the State of Texas. I made my living for the past few years at the University of Alabama, but never failed to try to say something good about the State of Texas, the county of Lamar, and the town of Paris. And I appreciate that, and when I think back a little bit about what you people have to do, I sort of think a little bit of the poem "If" by Kipling, who says,

If you can keep your head when all around you people are losing theirs and yet make allowances for their doubting too and yet don't look too good, nor talk too wise: If you can dream and not let dreams be your master; and, if you can think and not let thought be your only aim. If you can meet with triumph and disaster and treat these two imposters both the same. If you can bear to see the things you spent a lifetime building, twisted and broken by knaves who set traps for fools, and you'll just stoop down and build them up again using worn-out tools. If you can make one heap of all your winnings and risk it all at one turn of pitch-and-toss. And,

if you lose, you start over at the beginning and never breathe a word about your loss. If you can walk with kings and not lose your virtue and talk to crowds and not lose the common touch, neither friend nor foe can hurt you. All men count, but none too much. If you can feel the unforgiving minute with sixty seconds' worth of distance run, then yours is the world and everything in it, but most of all, you'll be a man, my son.

In my way of thinking, Kipling is saying, Hey, you do the best you can with what you've got, no regrets. Then at the end of your term you don't run anymore, and you're sitting back and you're reminiscing about this particular piece of legislation, or that one. And you know that you did the very best you could to make the county, the state, the country a little bit better. We salute you. It's a proud day for my family, and I just wanted to tell you how much I appreciate the respect that you've shown us. And the respect goes both ways. We appreciate what you do. Hopefully, now that in my particular career I just sort of closed a chapter, I'm going to open some more. You know, Mark Twain once said that when we look back over twenty years from now, we're going to regret the things that we didn't do, not the things that we did do. So let's do some things while we can and let's enjoy doing it and thank you for what you people do. Thank you.

COMMITTEE MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

The following committee meeting was announced:

Criminal Jurisprudence, on adjournment today, Desk 46.

PROVIDING FOR ADJOURNMENT

Representative Uher moved that, at the conclusion of the reading of bills and resolutions on first reading and referral to committees, the house adjourn until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

The motion prevailed without objection.

BILLS AND JOINT RESOLUTIONS ON FIRST READING AND REFERRAL TO COMMITTEES RESOLUTIONS REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

Bills and joint resolutions were at this time laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees. Resolutions were at this time laid before the house and referred to committees. (See the addendum to the daily journal, Referred to Committees, List No. 1.)

REMARKS ORDERED PRINTED

Representative Madden moved to print remarks by Coach Stallings.

The motion prevailed without objection.

ADJOURNMENT

In accordance with a previous motion, the house, at 10:52 a.m., adjourned until 10 a.m. tomorrow.

ADDENDUM

REFERRED TO COMMITTEES

The following bills and joint resolutions were today laid before the house, read first time, and referred to committees, and the following resolutions were today laid before the house and referred to committees. If indicated, the chair today corrected the referral of the following measures:

List No. 1

HB 10 (by Brimer), Relating to a nonsubstantive revision of statutes relating to financial institutions, financial businesses, and credit, including conforming amendments, repeals, and penalties.

To State Affairs.

HB 1758 (by Hamric), Relating to property subject to forfeiture after commission of an offense.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 1759 (by Hirschi and Gray), Relating to the pesticide use and application program.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 1760 (by Hirschi), Relating to the tax stamp affixed to a package of cigarettes.

To State Affairs.

HB 1761 (by Chavez and Moreno), Relating to a prohibition on certain requirements imposed by temporary employment services.

To Economic Development.

HB 1762 (by Haggerty), Relating to the administration of appraisal districts and the appraisal of property for ad valorem tax purposes.

To Ways & Means.

HB 1763 (by Maxey), Relating to required community investments by certain insurers and to reports filed by insurers regarding those and other investments.

To Insurance.

HB 1764 (by Jackson), Relating to allowing municipalities to purchase goods for retail sale without following competitive bidding procedures.

To Urban Affairs.

HB 1765 (by Seaman), Relating to compensation of a person compelled to appear and give testimony by deposition in a civil action.

To Civil Practices.

HB 1766 (by Bonnen), Relating to the maximum value of a charitable raffle prize.

To Licensing & Administrative Procedures.

HB 1767 (by Bonnen), Relating to garnishment of money held in an inmate trust fund.

To Corrections.

HB 1768 (by R. Lewis), Relating to meetings of commissioners courts.

To County Affairs.

HB 1769 (by Isett, Christian, and B. Turner), Relating to the exception for certain officers from the registration requirements of The Property Taxation Professional Certification Act.

To Ways & Means.

HB 1770 (by Eiland), Relating to the sale of advertising space on a ferry operated or controlled by the Texas Department of Transportation.

To Transportation.

HB 1771 (by Seaman), Relating to the residence of a member of the Texas Transportation Commission.

To Transportation.

HB 1772 (by Danburg), Relating to allowing a governmental body to hold a meeting or receive testimony by videoconference.

To State Affairs.

HB 1773 (by Danburg), Relating to the residence homestead exemption from ad valorem taxation.

To Ways & Means.

HB 1774 (by Davila), Relating to the punishment for certain offenses against the elderly.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 1775 (by Siebert, Driver, and Oakley), Relating to the disclosure of accident and traffic law conviction information by the Department of Public Safety.

To Public Safety.

HB 1776 (by Hilbert, et al.), Relating to ad valorem taxation.

To Revenue & Public Education Funding, Select.

HB 1777 (by Siebert), Relating to notice and protest rights of certain reimbursing employers and governmental employers under the unemployment compensation system.

To Economic Development.

HB 1778 (by Gallego), Relating to the time requirements for certain petitions and hearings for a juvenile who is in detention.

To Juvenile Justice & Family Issues.

HB 1779 (by Place), Relating to the Real Estate Research Center.

To Licensing & Administrative Procedures.

HB 1780 (by Greenberg), Relating to the purchase of service credit in the Employees Retirement System of Texas and the Teacher Retirement System of Texas.

To Pensions & Investments.

HB 1781 (by Shields), Relating to creating a governor's committee to study cost control in state government.

To State Affairs.

HB 1782 (by Counts), Relating to professional services in regard to certain state and local contracts and fund management.

To State Affairs.

HB 1783 (by Counts), Relating to the exemption from registration of certain tax assessor-collectors.

To Ways & Means.

HB 1784 (by Hilderbran), Relating to the amount of assistance granted under the financial assistance program for persons with dependent children.

To Human Services.

HB 1785 (by Wilson), Relating to dependent coverage under the state employees uniform group insurance program.

To Pensions & Investments.

HB 1786 (by Coleman), Relating to the regulation of certain abusable volatile chemicals; imposing certain civil and administrative penalties.

To Public Health.

HB 1787 (by Coleman and Maxey), Relating to intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded; imposing civil and criminal penalties.

To Public Health.

HB 1788 (by Williamson), Relating to the creation of a judicial district composed of Parker County.

To Judicial Affairs.

HB 1789 (by G. Lewis), Relating to reductions by certain insurers in writing or in the authority of agents to bind or solicit certain types of personal lines insurance.

To Insurance.

HB 1790 (by Alexander), Relating to the licensing and regulation of certain motor vehicle dealers.

To Transportation.

HB 1791 (by Alexander), Relating to the lamps and lights on vehicles operated on highways; providing a penalty.

To Transportation.

HB 1792 (by Staples), Relating to the authority of a judge to impose sentence on a defendant convicted of a state jail felony.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 1793 (by Jackson), Relating to eligibility to be awarded a contract by the Texas Transportation Commission.

To Transportation.

HB 1794 (by Krusee), Relating to assessment of damages in a condemnation proceeding.

To Land & Resource Management.

HB 1795 (by Kamel), Relating to The University of Texas at Tyler.
To Higher Education.

HB 1796 (by Burnam), Relating to certain conduct in the sale of insurance.
To Insurance.

HB 1797 (by Junell), Relating to the adjustment for declining property values for a school district above the equalized wealth level.
To Revenue & Public Education Funding, Select.

HB 1798 (by Wise), Relating to hospital licensure requirements relating to missing infants.
To Public Health.

HB 1799 (by Wise), Relating to procedural requirements applicable to the release on parole of certain sex offenders.
To Corrections.

HB 1800 (by Hochberg), Relating to state administered assessment instruments for students in special education programs.
To Public Education.

HB 1801 (by Counts), Relating to the exclusion of territory from the Red Creek Municipal Utility District.
To Natural Resources.

HB 1802 (by R. Lewis, et al.), Relating to the development and management of the water resources of the state; assessing fees; making appropriations.
To Natural Resources.

HB 1803 (by Rodriguez), Relating to control of tuberculosis in certain jail populations.
To Public Health.

HB 1804 (by Greenberg), Relating to coverage under certain group health benefit plans for infertility.
To Insurance.

HB 1805 (by Greenberg and Kubiak), Relating to the methods used by state government to purchase information resources technologies.
To State Affairs.

HB 1806 (by Hodge), Relating to a cost-of-living adjustment in pay for firefighters and certain police officers.
To Urban Affairs.

HB 1807 (by Bosse), Relating to ensuring that customers receive reliable and affordable electric energy services.
To State Affairs.

HB 1808 (by Counts), Relating to the confidentiality of certain information obtained by the State Soil and Water Conservation Board or a soil and water conservation district.
To Agriculture & Livestock.

HB 1809 (by Davis), Relating to the expiration of certain municipal permits.

To Land & Resource Management.

HB 1810 (by Zbranek), Relating to paperwork reduction in public schools.
To Public Education.

HB 1811 (by Hunter, et al.), Relating to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the creation of the Texas Historical Records Advisory Board.

To State, Federal & International Relations.

HB 1812 (by Hunter, et al.), Relating to the Texas State Library and Archives Commission and the preservation, management, and disposition of state records and other historical resources.

To State, Federal & International Relations.

HB 1813 (by Price), Relating to placement of a student who is expelled from public school in a juvenile justice alternative education program.

To Public Education.

HB 1814 (by Dutton), Relating to personal information about jurors.

To Criminal Jurisprudence.

HB 1815 (by Dutton), Relating to injunctive proceedings to restrain the use of an insurance business practice.

To Insurance.

HB 1816 (by Corte), Relating to assignment of claims by public employees.

To Civil Practices.

HB 1817 (by Corte), Relating to the Uniform Correction or Clarification of Defamation Act.

To Civil Practices.

HB 1818 (by Corte), Relating to public notice of the release into the community of persons convicted of certain sexual offenses.

To Public Safety.

HB 1819 (by Holzheuser), Relating to coverage under certain health benefit plans for massage therapy.

To Insurance.

HB 1820 (by Solis), Relating to the tuition charged to certain foreign students with financial need at certain components of the Texas State Technical College System.

To Higher Education.

HB 1821 (by R. Lewis), Relating to the subdivision of land outside a municipality.

To Land & Resource Management.

HB 1822 (by Maxey), Relating to the release of certain children in need of treatment by the Texas Youth Commission.

To Corrections.

HB 1823 (by Glaze), Relating to the slaughter and processing of livestock for personal use.

To Public Health.

HB 1824 (by Longoria), Relating to regulating the number of drinks containing an alcoholic beverage that may be served to a person by the holder of an alcoholic beverage permit or license; providing a penalty.

To Licensing & Administrative Procedures.

HB 1825 (by Goodman), Relating to access to criminal history record information by the State Bar of Texas.

To Licensing & Administrative Procedures.

HB 1826 (by Goodman and Naishtat), Relating to the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, the protection of children from abuse and neglect, and the conservatorship of children.

To Juvenile Justice & Family Issues.

HB 1827 (by Goodman and Naishtat), Relating to the parent-child relationship and suits affecting the parent-child relationship.

To Juvenile Justice & Family Issues.

HB 1828 (by Goodman), Relating to the keeping of dangerous wild animals; providing penalties.

To County Affairs.

HB 1829 (by Goodman and Naishtat), Relating to the powers and duties of the Department of Protective and Regulatory Services.

To Human Services.

HB 1830 (by Torres), Relating to payment for the legal defense of certain county officials or employees.

To County Affairs.

HB 1831 (by J. Jones), Relating to information concerning health care services provided through certain health benefit plans.

To Insurance.

HB 1832 (by J. Jones), Relating to successful schools awards for schools showing improvement in students' reading.

To Public Education.

HB 1833 (by J. Jones), Relating to the granting of pawnshop licenses and to public notification of an application for a pawnshop license in certain counties.

To Financial Institutions.

HB 1834 (by Goolsby), Relating to the Texas Incentive and Productivity Commission.

To State Affairs.

HB 1835 (by Goolsby, Rhodes, Naishtat, et al.), Relating to birth records of adopted children.

To Juvenile Justice & Family Issues.

HB 1836 (by Goolsby), Relating to the interval between internal inspection of boilers; amending Section 755.026 of the Health and Safety Code.

To Economic Development.

HB 1837 (by McClendon), Relating to requirements concerning beverage containers; providing penalties.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 1838 (by Ramsay), Relating to the juvenile board of Red River County. To Juvenile Justice & Family Issues.

HB 1839 (by Dukes and Maxey), Relating to restrictions on the location of facilities that store bulk fuel.

To Environmental Regulation.

HB 1840 (by Wilson), Relating to the abolishment of the alcoholic beverage market research packager's permit.

To Licensing & Administrative Procedures.

HB 1841 (by Flores), Relating to the subdivision of land outside a municipality.

To Land & Resource Management.

HB 1842 (by Carter), Relating to the removal of personal property from the right-of-way of roadway of the state highway system.

To Transportation.

HB 1843 (by Marchant), Relating to prepaid funeral benefits.

To Financial Institutions.

HB 1844 (by Hernandez), Relating to keeping school campuses open after school hours for recreational purposes and tutoring.

To Public Education.

HB 1845 (by Wolens), Relating to nonsubstantive additions to and corrections in enacted codes, including the nonsubstantive codification of various laws omitted from enacted codes, and to conforming codifications enacted by the 74th Legislature to other Acts of that legislature.

To State Affairs.

HB 1846 (by Wolens), Relating to rules of statutory construction.

To State Affairs.

HB 1847 (by McCall), Relating to the adoption of a nonsubstantive revision of statutes relating to utilities, including conforming amendments, repeals, and penalties.

To State Affairs.

HB 1848 (by D. Jones), Relating to the apportionment of the state into congressional districts.

To Redistricting.

HB 1849 (by D. Jones), Relating to the apportionment of the state into congressional districts.

To Redistricting.

HB 1850 (by Naishtat), Relating to the protective services for the elderly. To Human Services.

HB 1851 (by Naishtat, Maxey, and Keel), Relating to the exemption from ad valorem taxation of property owned by certain charitable organizations operating public radio stations.

To Ways & Means.

HB 1852 (by Danburg), Relating to certain voter registration processes and procedures.

To Elections.

HB 1853 (by Eiland), Relating to replacement cost coverage and adjustment of liability limits for windstorm and hail insurance coverage through the Texas Catastrophe Property Insurance Association.

To Insurance.

HB 1854 (by Eiland), Relating to creating a recognition day on February 19 in honor of Texas' joining the Union.

To State Affairs.

HB 1855 (by Eiland), Relating to the sales tax exemption for items used in manufacturing tangible personal property for ultimate sale.

To Ways & Means.

HB 1856 (by Telford), Relating to the continuation and functions of the Commission on Law Enforcement Officer Standards and Education.

To Public Safety.

HB 1857 (by Oliveira), Relating to the regulation of foreign involvement in commercial motor transportation; providing administrative penalties.

To Transportation.

HCR 106 (by Finnell), Extending the term of the Red River Boundary Commission to June 30, 2000.

To State Affairs.

HR 246 (by Staples), Welcoming students in the Gifted and Talented Program at Troup Elementary School on the occasion of their visit to the State Capitol.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 249 (by Hochberg and Coleman), Commemorating the first anniversary of Holocaust Museum Houston.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 250 (by McClendon), Honoring Norcell D. Haywood for his contributions to the community.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 251 (by Stiles), Honoring Joshua "Josh" Allen, Sr., for his service on the Texas Board of Criminal Justice.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 252 (by Stiles), Commending David Bernsen for his service on the Texas Transportation Commission.

To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 253 (by Stiles), In memory of Kit Austin Christopher.
To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 254 (by Stiles), In memory of Mary Hahn Gray.
To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 255 (by Stiles), In memory of Martha Jean Hallmark.
To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 256 (by Stiles), In memory of Ellen Barton Nichols.
To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 257 (by Stiles), Honoring Lee Robinson for service to Nederland ISD.
To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 258 (by Stiles), In memory of Norman J. Troy.
To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 259 (by Stiles), In memory of Paul Thomas O'Neill.
To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 260 (by Stiles), Honoring Walter Umphrey for his service on the board
of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department.
To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 261 (by Stiles), In memory of Hal Edward Wingate.
To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 262 (by Stiles), Honoring Judge Joe J. Fisher.
To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 263 (by Stiles), In memory of George Conway Abney.
To Rules & Resolutions.

HR 264 (by Williams), In memory of Dr. Robert L. Jones.
To Rules & Resolutions.

SB 236 to Land & Resource Management.

SB 237 to Ways & Means.

SB 444 to Public Health.

SIGNED BY THE SPEAKER

The following bills and resolutions were today signed in the presence of
the house by the speaker:

House List No. 13

HCR 43, HCR 95

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following messages from the senate were today received by the house:

Message No. 1

MESSAGE FROM THE SENATE
SENATE CHAMBER
Austin, Texas
Monday, March 3, 1997

The Honorable Speaker of the House
House Chamber
Austin, Texas

Mr. Speaker:

I am directed by the Senate to inform the House that the Senate has taken the following action:

THE SENATE HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING MEASURES:

HCR 47 Tillery SPONSOR: Carona
Honoring the Urban Management Assistants of North Texas.

SB 128 Haywood
Relating to tuition and fees charged to military personnel enrolled in certain courses at Midwestern State University.

SB 192 Barrientos
Relating to benefits under, eligibility for benefits under, and investment of surplus funds of retirement systems for firefighters in certain municipalities.

SB 328 Brown
Relating to the creation of a judicial compensation commission.

SB 460 Shapiro
Relating to the issuance of specially designed volunteer advocate program license plates by the Texas Department of Transportation.

SB 476 Madla
Relating to certain criminal background information obtained by the Texas Commission on Alcohol and Drug Abuse.

SJR 20 Brown
Proposing a constitutional amendment relating to the creation of a judicial compensation commission.

Respectfully,

Betty King
Secretary of the Senate

APPENDIX

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS

Favorable reports have been filed by committees as follows:

February 28

Appropriations - **HB 834**

Criminal Jurisprudence - **HB 311, HB 515, HB 806**

Economic Development - **HB 220, HB 425, HB 565**

Pensions and Investments - **HB 336, HB 1113**

Transportation - **HB 344, HB 977, HB 1025**